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Showdown on the Mountain I Kings 18:1-2,17-46

I Kings 18:20 So Ahab sent *a message* among all the sons of Israel and brought the prophets together at Mount Carmel.

21 Elijah came near to all the people and said, “**How long *will* you hesitate between two opinions?** If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people did not answer him a word.

APPEARANCE: “How do I look?”

APPROVAL: “How well am I liked?”

AFFLUENCE: “What do I own?”

ACHIEVEMENT: “What have I done?”



**Why give my all
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Give your whole heart to the One who is set apart because...

- FALSE gods will DISSAPOINT.
 - They will leave you troubled in life.

18:1 Now it happened *after* many days that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, “Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth.”

2 So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. Now the famine was severe in Samaria.

17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is this you, you troubler of Israel?”

18 He said, “I have not **troubled** Israel, but you and your father’s house *have*, because you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and you have followed the Baals. **19** Now then send *and* gather to me **all Israel at Mount Carmel**, *together* with 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

22 Then Elijah said to the people, “I **alone** am left a prophet of the Lord, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men. **23** Now let them give us two oxen; and let them choose one ox for themselves and cut it up, and place it on the wood, but put no fire *under it*; and I will prepare the other ox and lay it on the wood, and I will not put a fire *under it*. **24** Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire, He is God.” And all the people said, “**That is a good idea.**” **25** So Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one ox for yourselves and prepare it first for you are many, and call on the name of your god, but put no fire *under it*.”

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26 Then they took the ox which was given them and they prepared it and called on the name of Baal **from morning until noon** saying, “O Baal, answer us.” But there was **no voice and no one answered**. And they leaped about the altar which they made.

27 It came about at noon, that Elijah mocked them and said, “Call out with a loud voice, for he is a god; either he is occupied or gone aside, or is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and needs to be awakened.”

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28 So they cried with a loud voice and cut themselves according to their custom with swords and lances until the blood gushed out on them. **29** When midday was past, they raved until the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice; but there was no voice, no one answered, and no one paid attention.

1 Kings 18:30 Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” So all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord which had been torn down. **31** Elijah took twelve stones according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the Lord had come, saying, “Israel shall be your name.” **32** So with the stones he built an altar in the name of the Lord, and he made a trench around the altar, large enough to hold two measures of seed. **33** Then he arranged the wood and cut the ox in pieces and laid *it* on the wood. **34** And he said, “Fill four pitchers with water and pour *it* on the burnt offering and on the wood.” And he said, “Do it a second time,” and they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time,” and they did it a third time. **35** The water flowed around the altar and he also filled the trench with water.

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37 Answer me, O Lord, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and *that* You have turned their heart back again.” **38** Then the fire of the Lord fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. **39** When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, “The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God.” **40** Then Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape.” So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.



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44 It came about at the seventh *time*, that he said, “Behold, a **cloud as small as a man’s hand** is coming up from the sea.” And he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Prepare *your chariot* and go down, so that **the heavy shower** does not stop you.’” **45** In a little while the **sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy shower.** And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

Revelation 22:17 “The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.”

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Preserved in His vitality. (vs. 46)

46 Then the hand of the Lord was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel.

The Greater Showdown at Mt. Calvary

Genesis 3:14 “The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly shall you go, and dust shall you eat all the days of your life; 15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He (*Jesus*) shall bruise you (*Satan*) on the head (*a death blow on the cross and at the resurrection*), and you shall bruise him (*the suffering Christ endured for us*) on the heel.”



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